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REMARKS

The Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of this application in view of the above amendments and the following remarks.

Specification

The Examiner has objected to the Title. Applicants propose herein a replacement title to overcome the objection, and respectfully request that the objection be withdrawn.

35 U.S.C. §102(e) Rejection - Krancher

The Examiner has rejected claims 1, 2, and 5-17 under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 6,799,237 issued to Krancher et al. (hereinafter "Krancher"). The Applicants respectfully submit that the present claims are allowable over Krancher.

As amended, claim 1 pertains to a computer system comprising:

"a chipset;

a bus coupled to the chipset to communicate a trusted data cycle to an internal component of the computer system; and

a circuit coupled to the bus to scan for the trusted data cycle, detect the trusted data cycle, and provide a filtering mechanism to prevent a device external to the computer system from accessing the trusted data cycle".

Krancher does not teach or suggest these limitations. In particular, Krancher does not teach or suggest a circuit coupled to the bus to scan for the trusted data cycle, detect the trusted data cycle, and provide a filtering mechanism to prevent a device external to the computer system from accessing the trusted data cycle.

Krancher pertains to identifying and synchronizing incompatibilities between a portable computer and a docking station. See e.g., the Title. As discussed at column 2, lines 15-19, damage and limited functionality may result in the event of incompatibilities or when software updates are